ENGLAND IN THE EAST

JOHN BULL WANTS TO SHARE IN THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

SUGGESTING THE JOINT OCCUPATION OF WEIL-HAI-WEI WITH THE JAPANESE-RUSSIA'S SUBTLE WORK IN CHINA-MIKADO'S MINISTER DISTURBED.

Peking, Dec. 22.-The Chinese Government has granted Russia permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a quid pro quo, if concessions have been made to other Powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wet-Hat-Wet jointly.

The situation at Kiac Chau Bay is unchanged, Germany remains unyielding, and the Chinese counsels are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as her only friend, and is asking her advice alone. In spite of official denials, it is regarded as proved that Port Arthur and Kiao Chau Bay were promised to Russia by a secret treaty. British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China, and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed, at the expiration of their contracts, and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of North China.

London, Dec. 23 .- "The Times," in an editorial on the situation, surcastically asks whether the German press, in claiming a Russo-German entente in China, and Emperor William in his speech at Grandenz, anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of German drill sergeants from the Chinese Army. It adds, with reference to the demand for the dismissal of the Engish engineers: "Our Peking correspondent says China is hesitating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at Peking which will strengthen China's disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of the Britishers."

According to a dispatch to "The Times" from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's Ministers. Long Cabinet councils have been held, and high military officials have attended. The Japanese newspapers, the dispatch says, are nonplussed at the situation in the far East, while the Ministry is involved in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the Diet is

With reference to the probability of Russia advancing China money to pay the war indemnity to Japan, and thus compelling Japan to evacuate Wel-Hal-Wel, "The Times" openly recognizes the advisability of an Anglo-Japanese entente, arguing that the combined British and Japanese fleets would be well able to prevent a disturbance of the balance of power in China. Other London papers express the same opinion.

The Peking correspondent of "The Times" The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur, and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face

of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safeguarding our position in the Far East increases.

"The Russo-Chinese Bank, which is the agent of the Russian Government, has offered China 120,000 Berdan rifles, with payment five years, hence. China has accepted the proposal."

MUST RECKON WITH THE UNITED STATES A TIMELY WARNING SERVED ON THE NATIONS SCRAMBLING FOR CHINA.

Dec. 22.-The "Deutsche Zeltung" says: "The United States, which, from its geographical position, has a greater interest in the opening of China than all the European Powers together, cannot possibly consent to its partition or to a division into spheres of influence, without havto a division into spheres of innuence, without his a role in the matter. It would be a great mistake to underestimate the attength of the United States, and a partition of China would be impossible without America's approval and participation.

'The European Powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and interests of the United States.'

ON THE BRINK OF TROUBLE. A STRONG ANTI-BRITISH VIEW OF THE SITUA-

TION IN CHINA. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.-In a strongly anti-

British article to-day the "Novosti" says: "In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lazareff, and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan. Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany effectively to prevent a disturbance of the balance of power, between the three powers on one hand and Great Britain and Japan on the

one hand and Great Britain and Japan on the other, such as might be produced by violent seizures of territory"

In conclusion the "Novosti" expresses the hope that the isolation of Great Britain in regard to the other European Powers will "paralyze her action sufficiently to permit the preservation of peace from the dangers threatening it at the present moment."

EASTERN NEIGHBOR DEAR AND LOYAL. EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PACIFIC TONE IN REFER-RING TO RUSSIA.

Berlin, Dec. 22.-Emperor William, while visiting Grandenz yesterday evening, said to the Burgo

solicitude for your town aims at seeing it more fully equipped as a fortress, in order that it may be able to withstand any pressure in the future. I hope, however, that it may never hap-pen, for our Eastern neighbor is a dear, loyal friend of mine, and has the same political views as my-

AMERICAN INTERESTS IN CHINA. THE WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT SOUNDED AS TO ITS ATTITUDE IN THE PRESENT

COMPLICATIONS. Washington, Dec. 22.-It is understood that the authorities here have been unofficially sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the far East, with a view to learning whether American interests in China were regarded as sufficient to warrant any active step by this Government.

From what sources the inquiries have come is not disclosed. If from Great Britain they must have come through Colonel Hay, the American Ambassador at London, as the British officials here have received no instructions as to the Chinese situa-

It is well understood, however, that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve as a check for

the advances of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States, and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of cul-de-sac. It is known also that the Chinese authorities would welcome a movement by the United States, and that this has been com-

municated to officials here.

Although these soundings, for they amount to nothing more as yet, have not taken official form, they have been sufficient to gain a pretty general understanding as to the attitude of this Govern-This, in brief, is that the United States has no interest in the territorial extension now going on in China; that she will not land at any of the ports of China, as Germany and Russia have done. and that her only concern is to guard established American Interests in China. These American interests appear to be much greater than is gener treaty ports in China: Canton, Chee-Foo, Ching Kiang, Ching Ling, Foochow, Halphong, Hankow, loihow, Ichang, Newkiang, Lungchow, Nengtsu,

Newchang, Ningpo, Pakhoi, Shanghai, Ashashi, Socchow, Swatow, Tien-Tsin, Wenchow, Wuhu and three other ports or the West River of Canton, recently added. At each of these places there are American settlements and an American reservation, within which Americans may own property and try their civil and criminal cases before their own courts, conducted by American consuls.

Some of these American settlements are quite extensive, that at Shanghai, just outside the walls of the city, occupying a wide sweep of land. At these points, also the commercial interests of the United States are large, and are constantly growing. They are the centres for the American missionary communities, too. For instance, at Canton there is the American Presbyterian Board, with twenty-two members; the American Eaptist Mission, with fifteen representatives; the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with a large staff, and the American Bible Society. There are similar communities scattered all through the Empire. They have considerable vested property interests, and the protection of their property and persons always has been closely looked after by the United States.

GERMAN SQUADRON SAILS FOR GIRRALTAR. Portsmouth, Dec. 22.—The German warships Deutschland and Geffon, under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia, started to-day for Gibral-

MINERS KILLED BY FIRE DAMP.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN A PIT NEAR DORTMUND, PRUSSIA. Dortmune, Prussia, Dece 22.—An explosion of fire-damp took place to-day at the Kaiser Stuhizwei pit,

with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface, and seven men, living, but severely injured. There are five still missing.

RAILROAD OPERATORS MAY STRIKE.

Montreal, Dec. 22.-Indications point to a strike the telegraph operators on the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The telegraphers' committee has been conferring with officials of the roar for several weeks looking to an agree-ment regarding salaries and hours, but has met with little success. An interview with Vice-Presi-dent Shaughnessy has been arranged for to-mor-row and it is expected that a strike will be ordered if some arrangement is not made at that meeting.

POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOT.

GUATEMALA'S METHOD OF DEALING WITH PROM-INENT REVOLUTIONISTS.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.-News has reached this city of the shooting in Guatemala of a number of political prisoners, including two men known all over the Central American Republic. The execution occurred last month at Huehuetenango. The principal victim was Captain Hurculano Ruiz, a brother -law of General Daniel Fuentes, now in this city. Another victim was the Honduran Colonel Fran-He was accused of aiding the revolution party, and was executed by order of Barrios the command being carried out by General Luis Molina. Three other prominent Guatemalans sur-fered death in the same manner, including Licenci-ado Marcello de Leon, a lawyer, and Ella Zandobal. It is estimated that there are now in Guatemalan prisons no less than 228 prisoners of the late revo-lution.

SMYRNA DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKES.

SOME PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN THE ANCIENT CITY.

Constantinople, Dec. 22-A number of earthquakes, increasing in intensity, have occurred to-day around Smyrna, Asia Minor. Already considerable damage has been done; some persons have been killed and many injured.

structive earthquakes, is the capital of the Vilayet of Aldin, on a plain at the head of the Gulf of Smyrna and partly upon the declivity of Mount Pagus. For centuries it has been the most important centre of trade in the Levant. This trade has been carried on both by shipping and by the caravans of Asia Minor, Syria, Bagdad and Persia. The principal imports are cotton manufactures, woolien cioths, sugar, steel and fron, tin, petroleum and hardware. At the last census it had a population of nearly one hundred and seventy thousand.

REFORMS NIPPED IN THE RUD

EDITORS AND PRISONERS BREATHE EASIER IN ONTARIO.

by several men representing the Prisoners' Aid ment to-day and advocated secret court trials, the hanging of all editors who published reports of criminal cases and the revival of the treadmill in jails and prisons. His ideas were not well received

NIRILISTS ARRAIGNED IN LONDON.

WHY EDITOR BOURTZEFF WANTED THE CZAR

London, Dec. 22.-Viadimer Bourtzeff, Editor of "Naro do Voletz" ("Will of the People"), the Russian who was arrested at the British Museum and remanded at Bow Street Police Court on December 16, charged with endeavoring to persuade everal persons on various occasions to assassinate the Czar, was brought up on remand to-day, in company with a man named Weirzbecki, printer of the paper mentioned, who had since been as An incriminating article in "Naro do Voletz" was produced in court. In it the writer declared the policy of the Russian Revolutionists was the same as that of the Terrorists of twenty years ago, and pointed out that Czar Nicholas had already reigned three years, at a period when the Revolutionist campaign ought to be summed up in the word "Regicide." If he had been assassinated on the day of the funeral of Czar Alexander II, the article continues, either a revolution would have broken out or a Liberal Constitution would have been declared.

have been declared.
Each new Autocrat, according to the writer, ought to have been given a year, and, if he had not granted a constitution at the end of that period, he hught to have been attacked without nity. Detective Melville testified regarding his visit to

Detective Meiville testified regarding his visit to Bourtzeff's room and the finding of documents relating to Nihiliam, the assassination of Alexander II, the death of Stepniak and to the present Czar. Both prisoners were remanded.

It appears that Bourtzeff escaped from Siberia to Constantinople, where the Russian police tried to seize him on board a British steamer, but the captain of the vessel prevented them from so doing.

## THE CROMA ASHORE.

A dispatch was received here yesterday announcing that the British steamer Croma, Captain Tindle, which sailed from New-York on December 5 for Leith, Scotland, is ashore on Inchkeith, a rocky island in the Firth of Forth, opposite Leith.

NEW MINISTER OF WAR FOR URUGUAY. Montevideo, Dec. 22.-General Gregorio Castro has been appointed Minister of War in succession to General L. E. Perez, who resigned the Ministry of War and Marine yesterday.

SAID TO BE A NEW-HAVEN BANKER'S SON.

HE JUMPED FROM A TRAIN IN CALIFORNIA WHEN ON HIS WAY TO PRISON-NOT KNOWN

IN NEW-HAVEN. San Francisco, Dec. 22.-Charles Felkens, who made his escape from a Los Angeles deputy-sheriff on a northbound train on Monday morning near Fresno, is a son of a well-known banker of New Haven, Conn. He came to the Pacific Coast about two years ago, and engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles. He was popular, and was admitted into the best society. Soon after his arrival in that city many burgiaries were committed in aristocratic residences. Houses were entered at midday and jewelry was abstracted. These burglaries were finally traced to Felkens. Some of the plunder was found in his possession, and he was arrested on five charges of burglary. He plead arrested on five charges of burgiary. He plead guilty to one count of the indictment, and was sen-tenced to five years in San Quentin. On the way there he made his escape by jumping from a car window, and is still at liberty. New-Haven, Conn. Dec. 22.—Inquiry here fails to find any banker of the name of Felkens, and Charles Felkens has never been heard of in this

THE CASE AGAINST BETZLER DISMISSED. Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 22.-Stacy Betzler, a

robbing John Campbell, caterer for the students mess at the University of Virginia, was brought before Justices Brown and Terrell for trial this afternoon. The evidence was purely circumstantial and not strong, and the Justices dismissed the case.

Newchang, Ningpo, Pakhot, Shanghat, Ashashi, TRAIN AND STAGE CRASH. W. H. KENT ARRESTED.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON A NEW-JERSEY GRADE CROSSING.

THE LIVES OF THIRTY-FIVE PERSONS IMPER-ILLED-THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE AND

ONE OF HIS PASSENGERS PROBABLY FATALLY HURT - BALKING

HORSES THE CAUSE. Passaic, N. J., Dec. 22 .- A freight train crashed into the side of a big stage loaded with women and men at the crossing of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad at Delawanna, four miles from here this evening. There

only two of the passengers in the stage were seriously hurt. They were: CRANE, WILLIAM, the driver, injured internally; taken to St. Mary's Hospital. Will probably die. WANKIE, CHARLES, injured internally; taken to St.

were thirty-five persons on the stage, and few,

if any, escaped injury. Fortunately, however,

HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Mary's Hospital, Likely to die.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock. The stage was used to transport the men and girls employed in Worthen & Aldrich's mills, at Delawanna, to and from this city. William Crane was the driver. The stage left the mills a little later than usual this evening. There were, as nearly as can be ascertained, thirty-four of the employes in the stage besides the driver. The railroad crossing was reached in safety. men and girls were in good humor, and were singing and laughing. The driver went upon the tracks at a slow pace, the gates being up. It is said that when the horses were fairly upon the tracks the gates began to drop and that the driver, in an effort to get across, was in the act of whipping up the team when the gate in front of them dropped into position. Before the driver could force his horses forward and reach the gates the stage was struck by the engine.

The pilot of the engine hit the stage, apparently directly between the front and rear wheels, and must have thrown it into the air and pushed it aside. Those inside were thrown out and fell in all directions. The only person who fell in front of the engine was Charles Swankie, one of the mill hands. He struck on the cowcatcher and hung there until the train stopped some distance away.

The air was illed with cries and screams from the excited and injured men and women No one in the stage escaped bruises. Those who reached the scene first thought that the accident was much worse than it was, for most of the girls had fainted and lay as if dead, while some of the men who afterward were able to go to their homes were dazed and some unconscious from striking on their heads when tossed from the stage.

A call was at once sent to this city for ambulances and doctors. Both hurrled to the scene of the accident. There the doctors attended to those who were found to be slightly injured and those whose injuries appeared to be most serious were sent in the ambulances to the hos pitals. Besides Swankie and Crane, Nellie Wasdyke, William Morgan, Lena Wasdyke Lena Dennis, and John Feeny, all of whom suffered from bruises about the head and body

suffered from bruises about the head and body, were taken to the hospitals in this city. Later, in the evening all, with the exception of Crane and Swankie, went to their homes.

It is said that the train did not whistle as it approached the crossing and that the bell was not ringing. An eye-witness of the accident said afterward that the gateman had lowered two of the gates when the driver of the stage went on the tracks. These gates were the two on opposite sides of the track and left just half of the crossing open for the passage of the wagon. The railroad officials on the ground refuse to talk, but others say that the story is wagon. The ratiroad officials on the ground refuse to talk, but others say that the story is

Crane made a statement at the hospital late. Toronto, Dec. 22.—Samuel H. Blake, accompanied this evening. He said that he knew that the train was due, but thought he could get over the not his horses balked. He has been driving to stage nightly for months. According to him, he was on time, and se was the train. They usually met at the place where the accident occurred The train sometimes passed before he crossed, and sometimes he crossed first. Crane declared that when he was squarely upon the track the horses saw the gate descending in front of them. Had they kept on, the gate would have been lowered part way and, after he had pased on, would have come down. The horses saw the arm in front of and above them move, and became frightened and almost stopped, and before he could urge them on the gate came down, and then the train hit the stage. There is a steep grade and a sharp turn at the crossing.

HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA.

BARON BANFFY STIRS UP THE PARLIAMENT AT BUDAPEST. Budapest, Dec. 22.-In the Lower House of the

Hungarian Parliament to-day Baron Banffy, the Premier, speaking of the bill providing for a pro visional prolongation of the Ausgleich, declared at the outset that he could not accept the resolution of Francis Kossuth, demanding the establishment of an independent Hungarian customs regime by January 1, 1898, but, continued the Premier, he would accept a motion to publish so soon as possible the data necessary for the establishment of such a régime, or for the conclusion of a commercial treaty with Austria, and the draft of a customs tariff, and to arrange to ascertain the views business men. He pointed out that Hungary had the right to establish an independent customs immediately, if it was in her interest to do so, but she considered the compromise arrangement with Austria more advantageous, if it could be arranged with due regard to Hungary's interest. That, however, was doubtful. The Government, nevertheless, the Premier continued, desired to give Austria time to recover herself, and did not wish to cause a state of confusion, the harmful consequences of which were incalculable. The present bill did not infringe upon Hungary's rights and interests, and, he added, the Government would act vigorously against attempts, similar to those of the Reichsrath, to prevent its becoming law.

This remark caused an uproar, after which the Premier concluded by appealing to the House not to create difficulties, as Hungary's interest, he pointed out, far from requiring her to loosen her relationship with Austria, required that her ites with the latter country be made closer and stronger.

This statement was greeted with applause from the Right, but it caused an uproar on the Left. had the right to establish an independent custom

COFFEE PLANTER ARRESTED.

QUIETLY IMPRISONED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 7.-A few days ago the Government of Nicaragua arrested Senor Salvadore Lacayo, a wealthy citizen of Granada, Nicaragua, at his coffee estate, and imprisoned him. The charges against him have not been made

It is reported that Senor Castelleano, President of the Diet of the Greater Republic of Centra of the Diet of the Greater Republic of Central America, has reconsidered his desire to resign as a member of the Diet, and will continue his efforts, so far as his health permits, to make the Diet and its Central American organization, the Greater Republic of Central America, popular with the people, and get all the States to unite into a "union of the people for the people."

TERRISS'S ASSASSIN IN COURT AGAIN. London, Dec. 2.-Richard Arthur Prince, alias "Mad Archer," the "super" who assassinated Will-iam Terriss, the actor, outside of the Adelphi Theatre on Thursday last, was brought up on remand at the Bow Street Police Court to-day, charged with the crime, and was again remanded. The court was crowded with theatrical people.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. Philadelphia, Dec. 22.-The Republican State Committee to-day decided to hold the next State Convention at Harrisburg on June 2, 1898. The convention will select candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Congressmen-at-large.

Manhattan, Waldorf-Astoria, Holand, Delmoni-co's and Murray Hill hotels have Ballantine's Pale Ale Bottled at brewery. Also Brown Stout and Burton Ale.—Advt.

A PROMINENT MEMBER OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH WORK BUT DISTRUSTED BY HIS ASSOCIATES, A BROOKLYN LAWYER'S FINANCIAL TRICKERY LEADS TO TROUBLE-PENNIES OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN PART OF HIS PLUNDER.

William H. Kent, a well-known lawyer, having offices in the Continental Building, in Montaguest., Brooklyn, a prominent member of Plymouth Church, in the Sunday-school of which he is a teacher, and the organizer of the Penny Savings Bank connected with the Bethel Mission Sunday-school, a branch of Plymouth, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant issued by Police Justice Brenner, of the Adams Street Police Court, charging him with forgery. He was arraigned before Justice Brenner at 4 o'clock, and held in default of \$5,000 for examination on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Kent is charged by Mrs. Mary H. McCord, of No. 574 Washington-ave., Brooklyn, with falsely certifying and acknowledging a satisfaction of mortgage, bearing the date of November 3, 1897, and filed on the following day in the Register's office. Mrs. McCord, who is a wealthy woman, declared that her name, which appeared on the satisfaction, was not put there by her hand, or with her consent. She further charges Mr. Kent with falsely certifying and acknowledging the satisfaction of the mortgage, knowing that her signature was not genuine

It is alleged by Mrs. McCord that Kent has betrayed the trust reposed in him by herself. and that he has not only appropriated the \$1,100 charged in the warrant, but that he has allowed taxes on property to accumulate, and has used money belonging to Mrs. McCord's niece, and her servant girl, an elderly, frugal woman, who had been advised that Mr. Kent could be trusted. The complaint was issued at the instance of Mr. Caldwell, an assistant in the District-At

Mrs. McCord discovered a few days ago that some of her property was noted in the book of taxes as in arrears and for sale, and was surprised when she examined the records in the Register's office to learn that the taxes on a number of parcels of real estate had not been paid for several years. She says that she had given Mr Kent money with which to pay these bills, and that she had so much confidence in him that she did not even ask to see the receipted bills. Mrs. McCord then began an investigation. She found that the records in the Register's office showed that a "satisfaction piece" had been given on the mortgage in question. The "satisfaction bore what purported to be a signature of Mrs. McCord. This she pronounces false. The document bears the certificate of Mr. Kent as a notary, testifying to the genuineness of the signature, and setting forth that the signer personally appeared before him,

Mrs. McCord went to the office of Mr. Kent accompanied by Benjamin F. Blair, the lawyer, and an officer armed with a warrant. Mr. Kent did not deny wrongdoing, but said that while he deserved arrest, perhaps, he hoped Mrs. McCord would not have him arrested, as it would disgrace his family. Mrs. McCord and her counsel, Mr. Blair, stayed at the office of Mr. Kent long enough to get possession of nearly all the bonds and mortgages belonging to her which had been in the custody of Mr. Kent, after which the warrant was served and Mr. Kent was taken to the police station.

Mr. Kent lives at No. 13 Middagh-st. He has a wife and little girl. His mother and two sisters live at No. 26 Columbia Heights. He has heen prominent in Plymouth Church for many years. He is about forty or forty-five years old, five feet eight inches tall, and has jet black hair, eyes and whiskers.

day afternoon Mr. Kent was nervous, and expressed the hope that little or no attention yould be paid by the newspapers to his arrest. When asked for an explanation of the charge, he said that he did not know that Mrs. Mc-Cord's name nad been forged to the mortgage. He said he sent the document to Mrs. McCord for her signature, that it had come back to him

for her signature, that it had come back to him with what purported to be her name attached to it, and he had no reason to suspect that the name was not genuine. He did not explain how he came to affix his affidavit that Mrs. McCord had appeared "personally" before him. Mrs. McCord said that as soon as she discovered that her signature had been forged she looked the matter up, and found that the mortgage had been paid through Kent. The date of the receipt was November 3, and Mrs. McCord said she had made no receipt for money on that day, as it was the day after election, and she was so disheartened over the defeat of the Republican party that she stayed in the house all day and transacted no business. y and transacted no business. An official of Plymouth Church who was seen

day and transacted no business.

An official of Plymouth Church who was seen last night said of Kent:

"Mr. Kent's work has been largely with the Bethel Mission in Hicks-st. We have not trusted him fully for some time—over a year. More than a year ago he organized a penny savings bank in the Bethel Mission, calling himself the 'Presidential Treasurer.' We did not think it was legal for him to run any savings institution of the kind, and the official members of Plymouth Church brought pressure to bear on Kent to compel him to stop his operations. This he did, and then we found that he had turned the funds of the banks to his own account, and that they were not at hand. He began paying off the depositors, and had nearly refunded the whole amount when his arrest was made. The depositors will be paid the balance in full. It was through a number of men in Plymouth, frinds of Mrs. McCord, that she was led to investigate her business relations with her lawyer. A few years ago there died in Brooklyn a Mr. Anderson, a well-known member of Plymouth. He left Mr. Kent a legacy of \$5,000 and appointed him executor. Mr. Kent's accounts as executor became so mixed a few months ago that proleft Mr. Kent a legacy of \$5,000 and appointed him executor. Mr. Kent's accounts as executor became so mixed a few months ago that proceedings were begun in the Supreme Court to have them investigated. Ex-Judge Clement was appointed referee and the investigation is still pending."

Kent waited at the Adams-st. police station for several hours for his friends to come forward with ball, but none of them came, and at about 7 o'clock he was taken to Raymond-st. test and locked up.

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DORA CLAY'S BROTHERS AT WAR.

WILL BRYANT ACCUSED OF BEING THE CAUSE OF TROUBLE-DORA WILL GO BACK TO THE GENERAL WHEN SHE GETS READY.

Valley View, Ky., Dec. 22 (Special).-Dora Clay's brothers are at war here, and to-day Clell Rich-ardson swore out a warrant against "Will" Richardson, charging him with shooting with intent to kill. The trial will probably come off on Saturday. When "Will" shot five times at Clell last night he was one hundred yards away, and none of the bullets struck Ciell. The latter then drew a big bowle-knife which General Clay used to wear

and ran after "Will," who got away. Shortly after the fight ended John Richardson and Clell's brother-in-law, "Will" Bryant, met in the highway, and John told Bryant that he was the cause of all the trouble over Dora, and that his presence at Clell's house was the cause of the slanderous stories which have been circulated his presence at creat which have been circulated. Bryant retorted that John was a liar, when John struck him with a piece of lumber, knocking him down. Bryant got up, and threw a stick at John. He then ran into town and got a pistol. When he returned John had gone to get his shotgun. Before he could shoot Bryant the latter had gone into Clell's house. When the trial comes off it is expected that there will be further trouble.

Dora said to-day that all the trouble was caused by Clell's brothers being jealous because he was getting money from General Clay for taking care of her. She said she would go back to the General when she got ready. John Richardson said he had when she got ready. John Richardson said he had tried to get Clell to drive "Will" Bryant away; that Bryant was causing Dora to be slandered, and that he had stood it as long as he intended to. Bryant dreads assassination at the hands of John Richardson, but he says he is ready for him, and if he does not slip up behind him he will give him as good a fight as he can.

BEHRING SEA AWARDS.

ARBITRATORS GIVE THE CANADIAN SEAL-ERS \$464,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.-The Canadian Governmen to-night received a communication from the arbitrators appointed to deal with the claims of Behring Sea sealers against the United States for losses caused by the seizure of their vessels. The arbitrators were Judge King, of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Judge Putnam, of the United States. The award is \$464,000, with two reserved cases, those of the Black Diamond. for \$5,000, and the Ada, for \$1,000.

In 1894 the United States offered \$400,000, and Canada claimed \$450,000. Afterward a compromise was reached, and the amount was placed at \$425,000, but Congress refused to vote this sum. The present award is virtually what Canada formerly agreed to accept, with interest.

MERCHANTS FAVOR THE SEALING BILL. BUT THEY ASK THE PRESIDENT TO WITHHOLD HIS SIGNATURE FOR A FEW DAYS.

Washington, Dec. 22.-A number of New-York manufacturers of fur garments and importers of furs called at the Treasury Department to-day and had a conference with Assistant Secretary Howell in regard to the regulations which will be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill recently passed by Congress, should it receive the of the President, prohibiting the portation of what are known as pelagic sealskins Under this act all sealskins not taken on the Pribyloff Islands are subject to confiscation on importation into this country, and the New-York importers, who favor the bill, asked that every possible precaution be taken by the Department to prevent the bringing into the United States of the prescribed skins. John W. Foster, who accom-panied the delegation, said that all skins taken on the seal islands were numbered, so that United States consular officers would have little or ne difficulty in determining which were contraband skins. The Department's regulations will be issued as soon as possible after the bill has received the signature of the President.

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Mr. Foster afterward accompanied the delegation, consisting of Messrs. Ullmann, Jeckyl and Well, to the White House, where they had an extended conference with the President concerning the Sealing bill. The merchants heartily indorsed the general provisions of the bill, but requested the President to withhold his approval of it for a few days to enable the trade to import the skins which had been purchased in London in ignorance of the prospective law. It is understood that the President indicated a disposition to accede to the request, and he, therefore, may not sign the measure before December 29. The law will not apply to skins shipped prior to the approval of the act.

RESULT OF THE STATE SCHOOL CENSUS.

THE POPULATION OF SCHOOL AGE ESTIMATED AT 925,000.

Albany, Dec. 22.-The State Department of Public Instruction has about completed the con tion of the blennial school census recently taken and it shows the school population in cities and villages of the State having a population of more than ten thousand inhabitants to be approximately have not been completed, but they are estimated at 333,000 and 210,000 respectively. The other city in the Greater New-York territory, Long Island City, has 10,948. 925,000. The returns from New-York and Brooklyn

SLAPPED THE EDITOR'S FACE.

ORTH H. STEIN ENCOUNTERS HOSTILITY IN HIS EFFORTS TO REFORM ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Dec. 22 (Special).-For five years past orth H. Stein, formerly of Indiana, has been conducting a sensational weekly paper in Atlanta which has gained wide circulation by its reckless attacks upon prominent citizens. Stein has been threatened often, but the first assault upon him ... ade last Saturday by the City Court Solicitor, James O'Nelli, whom Stein had accused of official corruption. O'Neill slapped Stein's face, and the latter was prevented from shooting O'Nelli by several bystanders Since this affair local feeling against Stein has become so intense that several well-known citizens have informed Stein that he must either stop his paper or cease his personal attacks upon ceputable persons. Stein swears he will pay no attention to this warning and will conduct his paper according to his own

PATRIOTIC TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.

THE G. A. R. OF THIS STATE WILL PRESENT A BILL TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Albany, Dec. 22.-Commander Shaw of the State Grand Army of the Republic Department in a general order issued to-day says: "The draft of a bill is in course of preparation, intended to provide some needed facilities in connection with patriotic exercises in the schools, which a leading Senator of our State will promptly introduce in the Senate in the coming session, and it is confidently expected that its provisions will be so drawn as to merit the united support of all legislators. What is desired in the closing years of our lives as veterans is that the children may be taught the elements of history and patriotism from first entering our schools, so that right ideas of peace and good citizenship may become a controlling passion in all their young hearts."

SERIOUS AFFRAY IN A COURTROOM. McArthur, Ohio, Dec. 22.-During a trial here to-day a riot occurred in the courtroom, and two men were seriously and probably fatally wounded. men were seriously and probably fatally wounded.
Elijah Brown received six cuts, one eight inches
long and two inches deep. He was cut to the
backbone. Plyly Teeters was struck with an
earthen cuspidor and his skull fractured. David
Donahue. Nelson Ervin and Henry Teeters were
put under bonds of \$1,000 for murder, and the
others were discharged.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Redding, Cal., Dec. 22.—Two masked men attempted to rob the Southern Pacific Company's station at Koswick last night, but were driven off by the station agent, Schuckman, who shot one of the robbers. Schuckman lives in the station, and was in his room when the robbers entered the waiting-room, covering Schuckman lives in the station, and was in his room when the robbers entered the waiting-room, covering with pistols two men sixting there. Schuckman entered, and after an exchange of shots the robbers retreated. One was found in a dying condition a short distance from the station and died soon afterward. The other made his escape. The robbers secured nothing.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 22.—Flint and Père Marquette Railway officials to-day signed a contract under which no laborers excepting members of the American Federation of Labor will be employed in the big transfer trade depot here. The company desires to guard against further winter strikes.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 22.—Governor Sadler has ex-pressed his intention of offering a reward of \$300 on the part of the State for the apprehension of the parties implicated in the Uber lynching.

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Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—William Sauer, who says he is a son of W. G. Sauer, a Detroit publisher, is under arrest here charged with compilety in a bank robbery at Vermillion, Kan., some time ago, He was found last night suffering from injuries which will cost him an eye, and which, he said to-day, were received while preparing nitroglycerine for others, who, he alleged, committed the robbery. Sauer gave an assumed name, and his identity did not become known until he made a confession to-day. He says he is a graduate of Trinity College in Michigan.

Chicago. Dec. 22.—Fire to day desired.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Fire to-day destroyed the three-story brick warehouse of the Andrews Furniture Company, Twenty-second and Fisk sts. The warehouse was filled with finished goods, all of which were burned. Loss, about \$100,000; fully covered by insurance. Three firemen were injured; none

Denver, Dec. 22.—Charles Kunzmiller, the assistant cashler, one of the three officials of the defunct German National Bank who were indicted for making false reports to the Controller of the Currency, was found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court.

Utica, N. Y., Dec 22—Burt Scrafford, of Westberne, Albany County, and Charles Clifford, a woodsman, were blown into fragments by the explosion of twenty-five pounds of dynamite at 1 o'clock this afternoon. They were employed in the construction of a branch railroad at Clearwater, five miles above Old Forge, and were warming the dynamite before a fire when it exploded.

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Buffalo, Dec. 22.—The Federal authorities have reported to the police a case of malbox robbery which occurred in this city on Monday morning and through which two men succeeded in getting a check for \$19867 cashed at the Ellicott Square Bank. The check was payable to cash and was drawn by Brenizen & Son, commission merchants. Photographs have been identified at the bank which may lead to the capture of the theves. Cleveland, Dec. 22.—John J. Shipherd, the broker who is charged with embezzlement by Frank De Haas Robison, was bound over to the Common Pleas Court by Justice Bauder, in the sum of \$10,000, this afternoon. Bonds were furnished for the amount and Shipherd was released.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVING

SEVEN MILLIONS MORE

THE CANALS IS GROWING.

AT FIRST IT WAS \$3,000,000, THEN \$5,000,000, AND NOW STATE ENGINEER ADAMS SATS \$7,000,-000-\$9,000,000 SPENT ALREADY-A

WARNING FROM MR. NIXON. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, Dec. 22.-State Engineer Adams departed to-night for New-York City, to have & conference with George W. Aldridge, Superintendent of Public Works, as to a statement which the State Engineer has prepared, showing in detail the cost of completing the proposed improvement of the Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals. Mr. Adams has already signed it, and he wishes to obtain Mr. Aldridge's signature as soon as possible. It is surmised also that the advice of Governor Black, who is in New-York,

may be taken. The astonishing assertion was made to-night that the improvement of the canals will cost \$7,000,000. Already contracts for the expenditure of \$9,000,000 have been made. S. Fred Nixon, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, is authority for the statement that \$7,000,000 more is wanted. "It was at first estimated," said Mr. Nixon,

"that the additional work would cost only \$3,000,000, but State Engineer Adams soon found that \$5,000,000 must be expended, and now he says it will take \$7,000,000 to complete the job." In commenting on this matter, Mr. Nixon said: "The people had an experience which they do not wish to repeat, of dumping millions into the Capitol with constant promises from successive Governors and Legislatures that the building would certainly be completed by making such and such an additional appropriation. Year after year passed and still the Capitol is not completed. We do not want a canal improvement conducted on the plan of making appropriations

in the dark. "Mr. Adams, I have no doult, in his forthcoming statement will try to make an accurate estimate of the sum' which must be spent to complete the canal improvement. Whether the Legislature will submit the question to the people in the fall of 1808 is another matter. My own judgment is that if the business men in the cities of New-York, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo who favor this improvement knew of the hard struggle the farmers had to make a living while Cleveland was President, they would think twice before referring this business to the voters. Times are improving under the McKinley Administration, but many farmers are yet feeling poor.

Some politicians here think that Mr. Adams has gone to New-York partly to consult prominent Republicans as to the recommendations which he shall make in his report, and that the question of spending \$7,000,000 more on the canals will be a prominent one before the Legis-

TO PUBLISH THE PENSION LIST.

THAT POLICY STRONGLY ADVOCATED BY COM-MISSIONER EVANS.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Commissioner Evans, of the Pension Bureau, is a strong advocate of the policy of publishing the entire list of persons who draw pensions from the Government. He believes that a bill for this purpose will be introduced in Congress when it reassembles in January. A recommendation that a list be published was made by the Commissioner in his annual report, as he expressed the belief that it would be particularly valuable for the use of special examiners in the field. In 1883 the Bureau published a list of pensioners, but since that time there have been many additions to and eliminations from it, besides additions granted, etc., so that it is not of practical use at

GATHERING GOLD IN INDIANA.

MINING MACHINES TO BE USED IN BROWN COUNTY-GOLD WORTH FORTY THOUSAND

Indianapolis, Dec. 22 (Special).-Mining machines are being introduced in Brown County by gold-In the last few years \$40,000 worth of gold, marketed at \$22 an ounce, has been taken from the streams of the county, but the people have been slow to realize the value of the gold-bearing sand. It is believed that the hills contain rich veins. Lately the farmers gathered the gold by cradling the sand and picking the grains of gold from the sand on the points of knives.

There is no railroad in the county, and the people are for the greater part uneducated and indoient. This may account for their years of indifference to the value of their possessions.

FOUR THIEVES CAPTURED BY ONE MAN.

HE SHOT TWO OF THEM AND THE OTHERS DIS CREETLY SURRENDERED.

Cansan, Conn., Dec. 22.-Four of a gang of six Eggleston's store here early this morning. Rood, who sleeps in the store, was awakened by the movements of the men. By prompt use of his revolver he wounded two of them, and marched three of them, including one of those whom he had shot, into a room and locked the foor. The other members of the gang escaped. One of them, named

Dennis Hickey, jumped out of a window. Rood went to the front of the store and fired his revolver until he attracted the attention of the neighbors. Then he stood on guard over the second man who n he had shot, and who was helpwere placed under arrest. They gave as their names J. C. Davis, Percy St. Clair, Thomas Mc-Graw and Thomas Martin.

Davis was shot in the right thigh and St. Clair was shot in the back. It is thought the men were tramps, as they were not armed and had no tools. The store has been broken into several times before.

Davis proved to be more seriously hurt than was at first thought, and was unable to appear in court. His injuries, however, will not prove fatal.

DISASTROUS SLEET STORM IN TEXAS,

SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE STOCK INTERESTS IN PART OF THE STATE.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.-The sleet storm that has prevailed for three days in Texas has proved to be more disastrous in its effect on the stock interests of the west and northwest portions of that State than was at first believed. Reports from two hun-dred miles west and north of Fort Worth say that the death rate among cattle will be unprecedented, the fatalities being numerous among recent importations from Mexico and cattle taken to the big plains country from Louisiana. In some localities fully 35 per cent of the Mexican cattle have perished. In the extreme western part of the State the storm was not so violent.

SNOW AND COLD WAVE IN ARIZONA. Prescott, Ariz., Dec. 22.-The first snowstorm of the season, which began on Sunday, has been fol-lowed by a cold wave, and the mercury has dropped to 5 degrees below zero, being as low as was ever recorded here.

ORANGES AND LEMONS DAMAGED. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.-The orange and lemon crop of Southern California has been injured by frost during a succession of cold nights. for from two weeks to a month after the cold weather renders the extent of the damage very un-

TRYING TO SAVE EX-TREASURER BARTLEY. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.-Most of the time in today's session of the Supreme Court was occupied in arguments by attorneys for ex-Treasurer Bartley in an effort to save him from a twenty-year sentence to the penitentiary imposed by the District Court of Douglass County the state was represented by Attorney-General Smythe and his deputy. A decision is not expected for several weeks. Bartley's shortage, according to the report of the expert examiner, amounts to more than \$700,000.